



Neighbourhood Watch SA

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SEACLIFF/SOUTH BRIGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday
12th February 2020

St Joseph's Catholic Parish
McAuley Room

24 Strathmore Tee
Brighton

Guest Speaker:
Spring Gully Foods

Refreshments provided
Meet your neighbours

ALL WELCOME

Area Co-ordinator Elizabeth
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Police Co-ordinator
Constable Samantha Mooney
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Sturt Police Ph: 8207 4700
(number still current)

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

TAKE THE TIME TO PREVENT A CRIME

Don't Forget to Lock Up



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News from the Area Coordinator

Dear Neighbours,

Christmas and the start of the New Year have well and truly gone and we are about to start our Neighbourhood Watch programme with the first meeting on **12th February**.

Further meetings are scheduled for 8 April, 10 June, 9 September and 11 November. Christmas in the Park is likely to be held on 22nd or 29th November 2020.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2019 was very successful. Many thanks to all of you who came along and enjoyed the beautiful weather listening to the Police Dixie Band, Adelaide Gospel Project and opera singer Naomi Hede.

The children loved Father Christmas, the beautiful Cinderella and, of course, the jumping castle. The vintage police cars and motor cycles and the Dover Kindy cake stall also contributed to the success.

I have two hats found after the event closed. Please phone me on 8377 5810 if you would like to claim one or both before they get completely squashed in the boot of my car.

BUSHFIRES AND SCAM ALERT: Scamwatch is warning all Australians to be on the lookout for fundraising scams and to do their research when donating so that money gets to those in need, rather than those callous individuals who would take advantage.

Scammers often pretend to be associated with well-known charities, large businesses or government departments to make them look legitimate.

You can look up registered charities on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commissions website.

ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE: Despite the SA Police concerted effort to reduce the number of lives lost on our roads the 2019 toll rose to 113 compared to 80 in 2018.

Outside of the fatalities over 700 road users sustained serious injuries thus affecting their lives, some with lifelong medical conditions.

The greater proportion of the community actually do the right thing and heed the warnings to:

- Not drink or drug drive
- Not to speed
- Not to get distracted (mobile phone use is an example)
- Not to be a dangerous road user
- Do wear a seatbelt and ensure your passengers do the same

The message is simple, take driving seriously and avoid becoming one of those lives lost on our roads.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER on February 12 will be from Spring Gully Foods.

Besides having SAPOL/Neighbourhood Watch related speakers we like to, from time to time, have something totally unrelated to brighten us up.

Spring Gully Foods were scheduled for the November 2019 meeting but had to be cancelled due to a mix up at our meeting place.

Spring Gully Foods survived a very serious financial crisis, in many ways thanks to the support of loyal South Australians.

Come along and hear their good news story (you never know, you might get a free pickled onion with your cuppa).

It is important that we have your support at our meetings or the time will come when we have to close down.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2020,

Area Coordinator
Elizabeth Power

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BEING PREPARED FOR A DISASTER: Planning

It is important that you know what to do in the event of disaster. A disaster may be a natural event, such as a fire or earthquake or may be man-made, such as a terrorism incident.

How quickly you are able to recover from such an event may depend on your planning and preparation.

Plan in advance what you and your family will do in a disaster situation. Develop an emergency preparedness plan and ensure all family members are aware.

Consider the following emergency preparedness tips.

Establish a meeting place:

Having predetermined meeting places away from your home will save time and avoid confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Have two emergency locations in opposite directions. You won't know until an actual emergency, which direction you will need to evacuate to.

You may want to make arrangements to stay with a family member or friend in case of an emergency.

Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters and some hotels will not accept them.

Ask someone to be your key contact:

Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs. Plan how you will contact each other and review what you will do in different situations.

Consider a plan where each family member calls/emails the same family member or friend in the event of a disaster.

Consider using a person who resides out of town/state who may be in a better position to communicate and coordinate. Ensure children have a list of phone numbers/emails in their school diaries.

If the telephones are not working, please be patient and try again. Emails may still work when telephones do not.

Become familiar with school, work, day care and community emergency plans:

When planning ensure you think about the places where your family spends time.

Ensure you talk with your employer and children's school about their emergency plans. Know how they will communicate with you during an emergency.

What does 'cyberbullying' look like?

Cyberbullying can occur in many ways, including:

- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- nasty online gossip and chat.

How do I stop being cyberbullied?

- talk to someone you trust straight away—like a parent, sibling, uncle/aunt, teacher or friend, or contact [Kids Helpline](#)
- don't retaliate or respond—they might use it against you
- block the bully and change your privacy settings
- report the abuse to the service and get others to as well
- collect the evidence—keep mobile

phone messages, take screen shots and print emails or social networking conversations

- do something you enjoy—catch-up with friends, listen to good music, watch a good show or chat online to people you trust
- remember you didn't ask for this—nobody deserves to be bullied and you will get through this.

School support

Most schools have policies in place to address cyberbullying and should be able to provide support to you and other students, no matter whether the bullying is from a student at your school or not. Talk to a teacher or counsellor you like and trust.

Source: [esafety.gov.au](#)

PROTECT YOURSELF KNOW THE SCAM

"I don't believe everything I'm told, do you?"

Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

Brighton Lions Need You!

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Preparing a Disaster Emergency Kit

Be prepared to survive on your own for at least three days. Consider preparing two kits - one to stay where you are and one smaller, lightweight version to take with you if you have to leave.

Consider the following items:

- Water (four litres per person per day) for drinking and sanitation.
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods.
- Clothing suitable for your climate.
- Sleeping bags - one for each family member.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit including necessary medication.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Filter mask (available from hardware stores), a cotton t-shirt or towel to help filter the air.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Duct tape and heavy weight garbage bags or plastic sheeting to seal windows and doors to create a barrier between yourself and potential contaminants outside.
- Family documents: passports, birth certificates, driver's licence, health care and bank details.
- Cash, as ATMs may not be working.

Keep a portable battery-operated radio: Listen to the radio and watch television for official instructions as they become available.

Be prepared to survive without electricity, phone, fuel pumps and ATMs: If the disaster occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage to utilities using a flashlight. Do not light matches, candles or turn on electrical switches.

Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Smell for gas leaks, starting at the water heater.

If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and ensure everyone leaves the area immediately.

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But what many people don't know is that Crime Stoppers is a charity which isn't part of police or government.

In fact, as an independent not-for-profit, it relies on hard-working volunteers to conduit crime prevention and crime solving campaigns that span cold case murders, bushfire arson, home and personal security, drug dealing and more.

Here, Crime Stoppers South Australia has been part of the community for more than 20 years and during that time it has become the trusted service for collecting information about criminals and their activities from the public.

Crime Stoppers allows people to report crimes and suspicious activity anonymously. Whether people call or make a report online, no personal details have to be provided.

Calls aren't recorded or traced and an IP address isn't recorded when making an online report.

During 2018, more than 25,000 phone and web reports were received by Crime Stoppers SA.

With every second contact relating to drugs, information received last year stopped an estimated 80,035 cannabis and 12,227 amphetamine street deals in SA.

In addition, 82 firearms were seized and a total of 822 apprehensions were made directly as a result of information provided through the successful community engagement program, with a number of serious charges laid for drug, firearm, sexual offences and offences against property.

At times, it might seem that we live in a world dominated by evil deeds and wrongdoing, but behind the scenes, every day of the year, Crime Stoppers offers a way for people to make our State a better and safer place.

For more information about visit www.crimestopperssa.com.au

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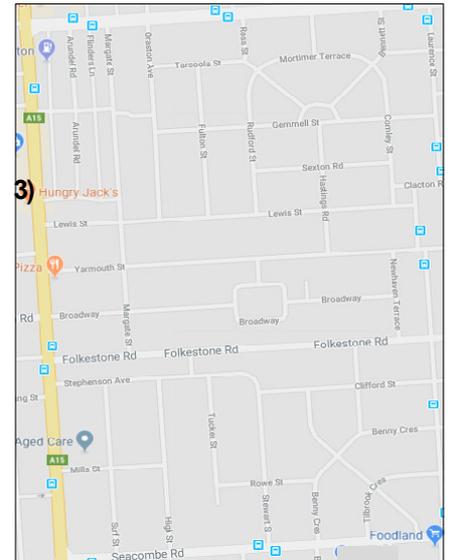
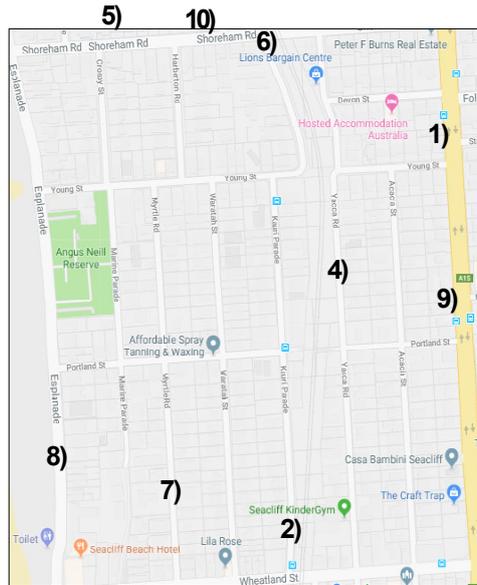
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Police Incidents 15 October - 31 December 2019



PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 11/11/19 Brighton Rd Sth Brighton Graffiti marked on garage wall.
- 17/11/19 Kauri Pde Seaclyff Graffiti marked on business premises.
- 15/12/19 Edward St Sth Brighton Graffiti marked on residential fence.

THEFT

- 09/11/19 Yacca Rd Seaclyff Property entered and items stolen from rear yard.
- 07/11/19 Oleander St Sth Brighton Front yard entered and property stolen from verandah.
- 23/11/19 Shoreham Rd Sth Brighton Property stolen from unlocked vehicle.
- 07/12/19 Myrtle Rd Seaclyff Yard entered via unlocked gate and property stolen from verandah.
- 13/12/19 Esplanade Seaclyff Construction site entered and property stolen.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Break-in)

- 26/12/19 Brighton Rd Seaclyff Window forced and entry gained to business premises. Property stolen from within.
- 26/12/19 Frederick St Sth Brighton Flyscreen removed from rear window and entry gained to premises. Nil stolen/damaged.

You will note that this crime report is incomplete and only covers part of our area. The missing statistics will be included in the April newsletter. Please accept my apologies.

*Elizabeth Power
Area Coordinator*

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